

PROJECT OVERSIGHT REPORT

Department of Licensing Biometrics Project

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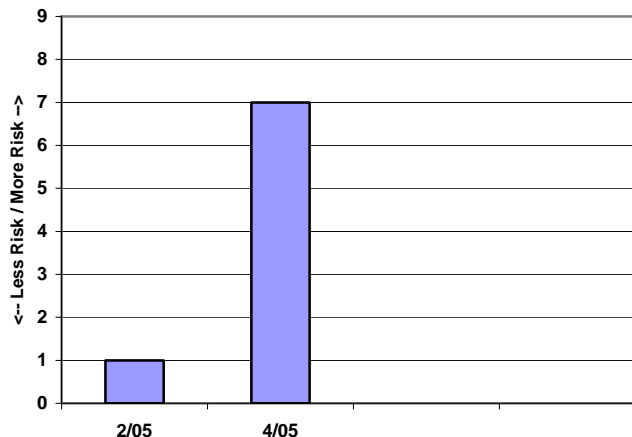
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Severity/Risk Rating: Medium (Severity low, risk low)

Oversight: Level 3 – ISB

Overall Project Risk Assessment



Staff Recommendations: DOL has a legislative due date of January 1, 2006 for providing new biometric services. In order to meet this deadline, DOL needs to begin negotiations with Digimarc immediately for a contract amendment extension. Additionally, DOL needs to extend the term of the Digimarc contract beyond the scheduled expiration date of June 2006.

Risks/Mitigation Tasks:

To complete this project by January 2006, DOL needs to negotiate a contract term extension with Digimarc (allowed within the current contract) and a contract amendment for the biometric features and services. With completion of requirements DOL will begin negotiations for the biometrics contract amendment soon.

Mitigation Tasks

- The legislative due date cannot be met via other technical solutions or conversion to other vendors.
- The ISB approved DOL's sole source request to implement biometrics with Digimarc.

Status:

Life Cycle Stage: The project has completed requirements definition and will begin the architecture and functional specification development.

Schedule: The vendor, Digimarc, has affirmed the project duration estimate at five months and will begin development by June 1, 2005 and implementation by October 31, 2005.

Project Management: The project has agency executive and ISB Staff oversight. Mary Jelvik is the project manager for the Biometrics Project. ISB Staff will be a member of the project steering committee and will provide oversight and recommendations for compliance with ISB requirements.

Budget: The implementation budget of \$387,000 has been reviewed and will be sufficient for the project. Actual expenditures as of March 16 total \$36,151.

Background Information:

During the 2004 legislative session, the third substitute Senate Bill 5412 passed, finding that most common types of identity theft and other fraudulent activity are accomplished by fraudulently obtaining a driver's license or identification card. The bill requires that DOL implement a voluntary biometric matching system to verify the identity of an applicant for a renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card.

DOL plans to contract for software development to implement a biometric matching system that will reduce and prevent identity theft and other fraud associated with the issuance of driver's licenses and identification cards. This investment will implement software capable of biometric facial matching recognition. The technology will be used to confirm the identity of an applicant during the driver's license or identification card renewal process by comparing their facial features to those on record in the state's database of driver license images. This is intended to be a one-to-one comparison versus a one-to-many. Facial recognition tools are increasingly being used by motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies to combat identification fraud and related criminal activities.